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With reference to the letter dated 16 October 2015 from the Permanent Mission of the Kingdom of Bahrain to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General (A/70/445) and the annex thereto, I have the honour to state the following:

1. The Islamic Republic of Iran rejects all baseless and fabricated allegations that have been raised in this letter and during the past several years by the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain. These fabrications, which have always been put forward without a single piece of evidence, have always been an attempt to distract public opinion from the regrettable violent policies and practices that the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain has adopted against peaceful civil protesters, who seek to advance political freedom and equal rights for all citizens in the Kingdom of Bahrain, and the brutal crackdown on moderate dissident leaders in that country.

2. The Islamic Republic of Iran considers the situation in Bahrain a domestic issue and regrets that it has been exacerbated as a result of unnecessary foreign military intervention that, coupled with the violent approach by the Government, caused the situation to acquire unprecedented humanitarian, political and security dimensions.

3. The Islamic Republic of Iran has always reiterated that tension, insecurity and instability in the sensitive and important region of the Persian Gulf is detrimental to the interest of all States in the region and, therefore, has always invited the Government of the Kingdom of Bahrain to adopt a constructive and peaceful approach towards the ongoing crisis in response to the calls by its own people and the members of the international community, taking into account the relevant reports and recommendations at the national and international levels, including the recommendations of the Bahrain Independent Commission of Inquiry, established by the Government of Bahrain.



4. The Islamic Republic of Iran is committed to playing a constructive role in the region and has always urged other countries in the region to follow suit through close cooperation among them, free from destructive pressures from outside the region. Iran highly respects the principles of national sovereignty, territorial integrity, non-intervention and non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries and believes that the legitimate demands of people and their fundamental human rights and freedoms should not and cannot be suppressed under any pretext. In this context, the Islamic Republic of Iran has always invited all parties to the crisis in Bahrain to dialogue and peaceful negotiations and believes that peaceful negotiations at all levels are vital and can in turn contribute to the maintenance of peace and stability in the region. At the same time, we invite the Government of Bahrain to halt its unconstructive and unhelpful approach towards the Islamic Republic of Iran and allow for the initiation of a friendly and good neighbourly relationship between the two countries.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda items 85 and 108.

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